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Re: CPA of Application No. 09/347,409  
Application of Tetsuya AKIMOTO and Morihisa HIRATA  
METHOD AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE PRODUCT FOR CALCULATING  
AND PRESENTING A NUMERICAL VALUE REPRESENTATIVE OF A  
PROPERTY OF A CIRCUIT (As Amended)  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q55026

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/347,409 (Confirmation No. 3821) filed on July 6, 1999 of Tetsuya AKIMOTO and Morihisa HIRATA entitled METHOD AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE PRODUCT FOR CALCULATING AND PRESENTING A NUMERICAL VALUE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PROPERTY OF A CIRCUIT (As Amended).

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2123.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on April 1, 2003 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
JAPAN	190685/1998	July 6, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/347,409.

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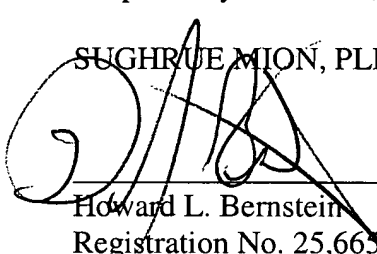
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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